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E.O. 11652: GDS  
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SUBJECT: ASSISTANCE TO FRG IMMIGRANTS FROM ROMANIA

REF: (A) STATE 192383, (B) BUCHAREST 4729, (C) STATE 61611,  
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1. EMBASSY REGRETS IT HAS NOT BEEN IN POSITION TO FOLLOW THROUGH ON ALL SUGGESTIONS REF C, INCLUDING PRESENTATION OF PROPOSED EMIGRANT VISA STAMP TO MFA, PENDING CLARIFICATION OF DEPARTMENT'S VIEWS ON NUMBER OF INTERRELATED PROBLEMS WHICH THESE SUGGESTIONS RAISE (REF D DATED MARCH 23). IT IS FOR THIS REASON THAT WE RECALLED THAT TCP STAMP, IN PRESENT CONFIGURATION, IS VALID ONLY FOR DEPARTURE TO ROME. ALTHOUGH NUMBER OF PIECEMEAL SOLUTIONS HAVE BEEN DEVELOPED FOR INDIVIDUAL POINTS WE RAISED, WE CONTINUE TO NEED DEPARTMENT'S COMMENTS AND CLARIFICATIONS BEFORE PROCEEDING TO OVERALL SOLUTIONS ENVISAGED. ONE SET OF ISSUES INVOLVES TREATMENT OF TRANSYLVANIAN GERMANS WITH EXIT VISAS FOR US WHO WISH TO GO TO FRG, AND WHO CAN NO LONGER BE HELPED THROUGH PRO-FORMA C-1 DEVICE. WE ARE CURRENTLY CARRYING  
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TEN CASES OF THIS TYPE, WITH ALMOST DAILY PRESSURE FROM APPLICANTS AND NOW FROM FRG EMBASSY.

2. WE SUGGEST THAT LONG-TERM SOLUTION LIES IN MOBILIZING FRG EMBASSY LEVERAGE IN BUCHAREST. IN THIS SCENARIO, WE WOULD INFORM FRG EMBASSY THAT WE ARE NO LONGER ABLE TO PROVIDE ASSISTANCE TO PERSONS IN THE ABOVE PREDICAMENT,

AND THAT A GERMAN SOLUTION WILL HAVE TO BE FOUND. FRG EMBASSY WOULD THEN ATTEMPT TO CONVINCE GOR TO CHANGE INDIVIDUALS' EXIT VISAS FOR COUNTRY OF TRUE DESTINATION. AT PRESENT, GERMAN CONSUL DOES NOT APPEAR ENTHUSIASTIC ABOUT THIS PROSPECT, BUT HAS AGREED TO GIVE THE MATTER CAREFUL CONSIDERATION.

3. AS EMBASSY NOW HAS HANDS FULL WITH GERMAN APPLICANTS STRANDED BY OUR INABILITY TO ISSUE PRO-FORMA C-1S, A SHORT-TERM SOLUTION IS ALSO NEEDED UNTIL FRG EMBASSY IS ABLE TO IMPLEMENT NEW ARRANGMENTS. WE SUGGEST ISSUING THESE PERSONS TCP STAMP, SENDING THEM TO ROME, FROM WHERE THEY WOULD DEPART FOR THE FRG. AS INDIVIDUALS ARE GUARANTEED ADMISSION TO GERMANY AND FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FROM THE FRG UPON ARRIVAL THERE, AND AS ALL SPEAK GERMAN AS THEIR NATIVE TONGUE, WE SEE NO PROBLEMS WITH THIS METHOD FROM USG STANDPOINT, IN THAT CHANCES OF THESE PERSONS ATTEMPTING TO ENTER US ARE NIL. ALSO, TCP ENVELOPE CARRIED BY SUBJECTS MAKES IT CLEAR IN ITALIAN AND ENGLISH THAT BEARERS DO NOT CARRY IV DOCUMENTATION AND THAT DOCUMENTS ARE NOT VALID FOR ENTRY US. WE BELIEVE ITALIAN EMBASSY BUCHAREST WOULD HAVE NO OBJECTION TO ISSUING THESE INDIVIDUALS TRANSIT VISAS AS IS DONE IN CASE OF INELIGIBLES, AS SUBJECTS WOULD NOT BE STAYING IN ITALY FOR MORE THAN A DAY OR SO.

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4. IT IS OUR FEELING THAT INDIVIDUALS IN THE ABOVE-DESCRIBED CIRCUMSTANCES SHOULD BE ISSUED TCP DOCUMENTATION WITHOUT RPT WITHOUT PROCESSING BY EITHER EMBASSY OR INS ROME. TO PROCESS INDIVIDUALS WITH NAME CHECKS, MEDICALS, ADVISORY OPINIONS, ETC., WHO ARE NOT INTERESTED IN ENTERING US WOULD OVERTAX ALREADY HARD-PRESSED BUCHAREST CONSULAR SECTION AND WASTE INS ROM'S TIME AS WELL. EMBASSY WOULD TELGRAPH TRAVEL PLANS TO INS ROME AND TO GENEVA AS WELL TO ELIMINATE CONFUSION AND SAFEGUARD TCP PROGRAM. WE DO NOT REPT NOT ENVISAGE ANY VOLAG, CONSUL OR INS ASSISTANCE TO SUBJECTS TRAVELLING THROUGH ITALY TO GERMANY. THEY WOULD HAVE PRE-ARRANGED THEIR TRAVEL FROM ROME TO GERMANY ON THEIR OWN, AND INFORMED US WHEN PREPARATIONS WERE MADE, AT WHICH TIME WE WOULD ISSUE TCP STAMP.

5. DEPARTMENT'S APPROVAL OF THIS TEMPORARY PROPOSAL IS URGENTLY REQUESTED, AS WE ARE CERTAIN CURRENT BACKLOG WILL REEACH EXTREMELY SERIOUS PROPORTIONS OVER THE NEXT MONTH. GERMAN CONSUL HAS TOLD US SHE ISSUED A RECORD 5,000 VISAS IN JULY, ABOUT 1,000 OF WHICH WE ESTIMATE TO BE IMMIGRANT VISAS (SEE BONN 14362). EMBASSY EXPERIENCE SHOWS THAT 3 TO 4 PERCENT OF GERMAN IMMIGRANT

VISA RECIPIENTS HAVE PASSPORTS AND EXIT VISAS FOR THE US.

6. EMASSY IS CONSIDERING MOST APPROPRIATE WAYS TO ATTEMPT IMPLEMENTATION OF INSTRUCTIONS IN PARA 3 OF REFTTEL C AND WILL PRESENT DEPARTMENT WITH WHAT WE HOPE WILL BE PRACTICABLE SUGGESTIONS AS SOON AS THEY ARE DEVELOPED. IN THE MEANTIME A WORKABLE ALTERNATIVE FOR INTERIM PERIOD IS NEEDED BEFORE SITUATION BEGINS TO CAUSE SEVERE REPERCUSSIONS FOR BOTH US AND FRG POTENTIAL IMMIGRANTS FROM ROMANIA.  
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